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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No.	4002-2643
First Inventor	Hai H. Trieu
Title	INTERVERTEBRAL DISC NUCLEUS IMPLANTS AND METHODS
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1. ☒ \*Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **54**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
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- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
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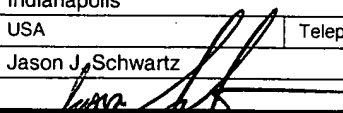
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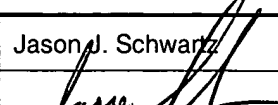
  

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Independent Claims	13	-3** =	10	X	80 = 800
Multiple Dependent					

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102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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